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Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin
Member House of Representatives
2446 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin:

Wisconsin's emerging biotechnology industry is an opportunity for significant economic development and related growth in high paying jobs and prosperity University Research Park requests your support for an appropriation that would create a critical missing piece of infrastructure to accelerate the development and growth of Wisconsin's biotechnology industry,

University Research Park, proposes a public/private partnership to create and operate a Good Manufacturing Practices compliant (cGMP-compliant) protein manufacturing facility in the Accelerator Building, University Research Park, Madison, Wisconsin. The facility will be owned by University Research Park, a non-profit entity affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and operated by Protein Solutions, LLC, a locally owned and operated for-profit entity. The Facility will create up to 33 high skilled and high wage jobs. Further, the Facility has the potential to grow to create several hundred high skilled and high jobs over 10 to 20 years.

A cGMP-compliant protein manufacturing facility will achieve several significant economic development goals.

1. Facilitate translation of research discoveries into commercial products. Further development of discoveries in many cases requires larger scale manufacturing of proteins in a cGMP-compliant facility.

2. Increase the capabilities of local companies to advance their biologic products and reduce their manufacturing cost. Today, most of these companies must outsource, at high cost, their large scale cGMP-compliant manufacturing to organizations located far away. Having a locally operated public/private facility will benefit many local biotech companies and increases valued added in Wisconsin.

3. Speeds the development of new protein therapeutics and vaccines. In addition to the needs of local biotechnology companies, a variety of Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) technologies in various stages of development at the University of Wisconsin -Madison are potential products for being manufactured in the facility. In 2006, a WARF-funded study identified a number of target technologies including almost forty biologic candidates and thirty-four assays/targets. Because of the lack of local availability and the high costs associated with manufacturing proteins in a cGMP-

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compliant facility, development of many of these products will be delayed ultimately preventing needed therapies from reaching patients thus potentially endangering lives.

University Research Park and Protein Solutions believe this worthwhile project will support economic development and job growth in Wisconsin and request your support for the project.

Sincerely,

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